

DOCUMENT

RELATIVE TO

The use of the present court house by the circuit and county courts of Florida; to the grant of a certain old building and lot for a jail; and the repair of the United States bridge across the St. Sebastian's river.

JANUARY 14, 1846.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

To the Honorable J. D. Westcott and D. Levy, United States Senators, and E. C. Cabell, Representative in Congress.

The undersigned, commissioners of the county of St. John, respectfully request that application be made by you to the President, Senate, and House of Representatives of the United States, or to such department of the government as in your judgment may be most likely to insure success, for the following grants or concessions to this county :

1st. That the present court house be placed on such footing that the sheriff of this county shall have the same at his disposal, when required for the use of the circuit and county courts; reserving to the United States the free use of the same when required for their own courts, with the understanding that application will be made to the General Assembly so to arrange the terms of both courts as not to conflict with the United States courts.

2d. That a similar application be made for the grant of the old building and lot, formerly used under the Spanish government as a blacksmith's shop, bounded on the north by a lot of M. Andrea, on the east by Bay or Marine street, on the south by Smithy alley, and on the west by a lot of R. Andrea; which building they propose (if granted) to repair and fit up as a jail for the use of the county.

The commissioners have requested of Capt. Benham, of the United States engineers, now here, the favor that two rooms in the fort, formerly used as a jail, should be placed at the disposal of the sheriff of the county until they can make other provision, and have received from that officer an assurance that he would submit their application to the favorable consideration of the Chief Engineer; and we solicit your co-operation to effect this object.

The United States bridge across the St. Sebastian's river, and the direct United States mail route, having been built in a very temporary manner, is becoming more and more dangerous; and the causeways, having been constructed at least two feet too low, have been recently overflowed by the tides, and have, in consequence, become so boggy as to render them not

only unsafe, but perilous ; and we most earnestly urge that application be made by you to obtain an appropriation for their immediate repair.

Very respectfully, we have the honor to be your obedient servants,

F. B. GOULD, *Judge of Probates,*
St. John's County, and ex. off. Pres't B'd C. C.,
 MATHEW SOLANA, }
 JAMES RIZ, } *County Commis'rs.*
 J. M. HANSON, }

JANUARY 11, 1816.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands and ordered to be printed.

To the Honorable J. D. Westcott and A. Esq. United States Senators
 and E. C. Cabell, Representative in Congress.

The undersigned, commissioners of the county of St. John, respectfully request that application be made by you to the President, Senate, and House of Representatives of the United States for such department of the Treasury as in your judgment may be most likely to grant such aid for the following grants or concessions to this county :

1st. That the present court house be placed on such lotting that the site of this county shall have the same at his disposal, when required for the use of the circuit and county courts, reserving to the United States the use of the same when required for their own courts, with the understanding that application will be made to the General Assembly so to arrange the terms of both courts as not to conflict with the United States courts.

2d. That a similar application be made for the grant of the old building and lot formerly used under the Spanish Government as a blacksmith's shop, bounded on the north by a lot of M. Andrus, on the east by Bay or Marine street, on the south by Smithy alley, and on the west by a lot of R. Andrus ; which building they propose (if granted) to repair and fit up as a jail for the use of the county.

The commissioners have requested of Capt. Braham of the United States engineers, now here, the favor that two rooms in the lot formerly used as a jail should be placed at the disposal of the sheriff of the county until they can make other provision, and have received from that officer an assurance that he would submit their application to the favorable consideration of the Chief Engineer ; and we solicit your co-operation to effect this object. The United States bridge across the St. Sebastian's river, and the direct United States mail route, having been built in a very improper manner, is becoming more and more dangerous ; and the canals, having been constructed at least two feet too low, have been recently overflowed by the tides, and have in consequence become so boggy as to render them not